



## **What Other Public Policy Leaders Are Saying About Senator Jay Rockefeller's Record of Public Policy Accomplishments**

“Jay Rockefeller is an American patriot. He has dedicated his life in public service to protecting the country and improving the lives of his fellow Americans. I have had the honor to work with Jay during most of his career in Washington. In whatever capacity I have served, his first question to me has always been ‘Is this the right policy for the nation?’ That commitment to policy and not politics is what makes him a patriot and a great American.”

*~ Leon Panetta, Co-Founder and Chair of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy and Director of the Department of Defense (2011-2013); Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (2009-2011); White House Chief of Staff (1994-1997); and Director of the Office of Management and Budget (1993-1994)*

“Public service is critical to our nation’s democracy and empowers our citizens to develop policies and pursue opportunities that address the greatest challenges facing our nation. Since his days as a VISTA volunteer and ruling his nearly 30 years in the United States Senate, Senator Jay Rockefeller has been a dedicated public servant and powerful advocate for strong public policies to help those most in need. He has recognized the important role education has in social mobility, driving change and creating a prosperous country for the next generation. Through his efforts to make higher education more affordable and increase student financial support, Senator Rockefeller has worked to enhance educational opportunities for all. His efforts to encourage students and scholars to pursue careers in public service will have a lasting impact on education and our country’s future.

“Senator Rockefeller is a passionate advocate for working families all across America. His leadership and focus on issues that matter to West Virginians and citizens across the nation will be greatly missed in the Senate.”

*~ Janet Napolitano, President, University of California and former Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

“Jay Rockefeller understands how the policy choices we make have a profound impact on the families we serve. He knows not just the how of public policy but the why – he understands we’re here to make a positive difference in people’s lives. He brings deep knowledge and sound judgment to a broad cross section of issues from education to health care to technological innovation to national security.”

*~ United States Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)*

“Fortunately for the nation, Jay Rockefeller has never let politics stand in the way of the nation's need for effective health policy. On the contrary, he's used politics to champion better health policy for West Virginians and all Americans. Early in his career, he stepped up to chair the Pepper Commission, when others feared its political risks. In 1990, he led that commission to issue a call to action for universal health and long-term care coverage; and he's been leading the charge for that action ever since: advancing Medicaid and CHIP, expanding long-term services and supports, and, through the Affordable Care Act, extending affordable health insurance to most Americans. Senator Rockefeller's career demonstrates that political leadership can accomplish good policy. His leadership has made us a better nation.

*~ Dr. Judy Feder, Professor and former Dean, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy and Staff Director of Pepper Commission, 1989-1990*

“Senator Rockefeller has dedicated his passion, his energy and his life to public service. For half a century he has recognized the power of public policy and how it impacts the lives of people across West Virginia, the United States and around the world. After deadly transportation accidents, I have worked directly with Senator Rockefeller in his capacity as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. He has always demanded that industry be accountable, employees be prepared, and citizens be protected when it comes to safety. For decades he has authored legislation to protect the travelling public from death, injury and loss. In a representative government, as Governor, Senator and Chairman, Jay Rockefeller made a difference for people that don't often have a seat at the table - that is his legacy and the enduring power of good public policy.”

*~ Debbie Hersman, Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)*

“When it comes to serving the good people of West Virginia, Jay Rockefeller's true fortune lies in his abiding compassion and heart of gold. His departure from the United States Senate will leave a large hole in our hearts. We have fought many battles together for miners’ safety, healthcare, and countless economic development initiatives and road projects. Through it all, Jay has been tireless in his work and his dedication never has so much as flickered.”

*~ U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV)*

“For five decades Senator Jay Rockefeller has been dedicated to improving access to opportunity in West Virginia and across the country. I consider myself lucky to have worked with him for a short part of that time. I have seen up close how his mastery of public policy can lead to real results. Our nation's communications networks are undoubtedly stronger and reach more places because of his efforts. He helped put more Internet access in our schools and more powerful wireless service in the hands of our first responders. Above all, he understood that communications networks are more than technology—they are the infrastructure for modern opportunity. Moreover, he fought tirelessly to expand that opportunity for everyone, no matter who they are or where they live. That is a terrific legacy—and one that informs the work I do every day.

*~ Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission*